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1. I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER MANDUH SALIM MAY 31 TO INFORM HIM OF APPROACHES MADE TO GERMANS AND JAPANESE

REPORTED REFTEL A. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT WE HAVE ASKED SAUDIS TO TAKE LEAD IN REQUESTING KUWAITI PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONCERTED EFFORT TO PROVIDE GOE WITH EMERGENCY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (REFTEL B).

- 2. I THEN URGED THAT GOE CONTACT GERMANY, JAPAN AND KUWAIT, EITHER THROUGH THEIR AMBASSADORS IN CAIRO OR DIRECTLY IN THEIR CAPITOLS, TO FOLLOW UP THIS U.S. INITIATIVE. HE SAID HE WOULD DO SO PROMPTLY.
- 3. SALIM ASKED WHETHER I COULD INFORM HIM
 REGARDING THE AMOUNTS INVOLVED, BUT I TOLD HIM THAT I
 DID NOT HAVE THIS INFORMATION. HE THEN INQUIRED AS TO
 IRAN'S PARTICIPATION AND ASKED WHETHER GOE SHOULD
 APPROACH IRANIANS IN THE SAME WAY AS THE OTHERS. I
 INDICATED THAT, WHILE IT WOULD SEEM REASONABLE TO DO
 SO, MY INSTRUCTIONS HAD NOT SUGGESTED THAT THIS APPROACH
 BE MADE. I TOLD SALIM THAT I WOULD ASK WHETHER DEPT.
 FELT IT WAS APPROPRIATE FOR GOE TO CONTACT IRANIANS AT
 THIS STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

(FYI: IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRANIANS RE AMOUNTS AND TERMS OF THEIR ASSISTANCE, I THOUGH IT PREFERABLE TO CHECK BEFORE SUGGESTING THAT GOE MAKE SIMILIAR APPROACH TO IRANIANS THAT WAS SUGGESTED FOR OTHERS.) I PROMISED TO LET PRIMIN KNOW RESULTS OF MY INQUIRY. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. SALIM INDICATED THAT GOE HAD ALREADY MADE APPROACH ALONG THAT SAME LINE TO SAUDI ARABIA DURING VISIT OF SAUDI MINISTER ABA KHAYL TO CAIRO OVER LAST WEEKEND.

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